GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:318
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ACCOUNTABILITY IN SPORTS
GANGASANDRA SIDDAPPA BASAVARAJ;KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a firm stand on accountability in sports and asked the national federations to fix responsibility and set penalties ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of reforms proposed to be undertaken by the sports federations; and

(d) the extent to which the sports federations have agreed to the suggestions made by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 318 13.8.2001 REGARDING ACCOUNTABILITY IN SPORTS ASKED BY SHRI K. YERANNAIDU AND SHRI G.S. BASAVARAJ

(a) to (d): The promotion of Sports is primarily the responsibility of the National Sports Federations which are autonomous bodies registered under the Societies Registration Act.

The Government provides financial assistance to recognized National Sports Federations as per the provisions contained in the `Guidelines for Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs)`. These Guidelines contain provisions regarding accountability of National Sports Federations in so far as assistance given to them under the scheme is concerned. According to these Guidelines, to be eligible for assistance the NSFs are required to follow proper, democratic and healthy management practices which provide for greater accountability and transparency at all levels, have proper accounting procedures at all levels and produce annual financial statements etc. Moreover, NSFs are also required to submit audited statement of accounts related to the event for which financial assistance is provided along-with performance report.

Besides, for considering the proposals for recognition of National Sports Federations, there are some laid down criteria such as the current legal status of the organization, recognition by International, Asian Federation and Indian Olympic Association (IOA), its all India spread, internal financial and management practices and standards, electoral practices etc. The Guidelines also provide for suspension and de-recognition of NSFs in the event of serious irregularities.

Apart from above, the Government is also considering formulation of a Model Code of Conduct for NSFs. The suggestions of NSFs will be duly taken into consideration in finalizing the Model Code of Conduct.